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an aqueous solution including at least about 5.0% (w/v) ascorbic acid, wherein the composition has a pH of more than 3.5.

19. (Amended) The composition of claim 18, wherein about 10% to about 50% of the ascorbic acid is pretreated ascorbic acid.

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24. (Amended) The composition of claim 18, comprising about 15% to about 25% (w/v) ascorbic acid.

26. (Amended) A topical composition comprising:

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an aqueous solution including at least about 5.0% (w/v) ascorbic acid, wherein about 10% to about 50% of the ascorbic acid is pretreated ascorbic acid;
a non-toxic zinc salt; and
a tyrosine compound, wherein the composition has a pH of more than 3.5.
